

461. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to a foregoing question of mine about the possible ways in which public good may be overwhelmed by the meagreness of allowance to the Hon'ble Members of this House, will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the total number of instances of the non-official Members accepting salaried offices in the Government ever since the Cochin Legislative Council came into being;

(b) whether in any of the instances in (a) the request for the services of the Members emanated from the Government during the tenure of the Members as such and if it did the total number of such cases?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(a) Vide answer to question No. 460 (b).

(b) Government appointed all the Members in question.

Criminal and Civil action against Members, Legislative Council.

462. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—In view of the immense risks to public good that are at stake in the issue, will the Government be pleased to state whether they intend to stipulate that no criminal action or civil proceedings of a coercive nature can be taken against any of the Members of this House without the previous sanction of the President?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Government does not think that taking such criminal or civil action as is allowed by the laws involves risk to public good.

Visit of the Director of Public Instruction and Principal to Trivandrum.

463. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Principal of the Maharaja's College and the Director of Public Instruction went to Trivandrum recently and if so, the purpose of their visit?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Yes; to discuss matters of special urgency relating to the training of teachers, the possibility of adopting a common policy by both States in the matter of grants-in-aid, to study at first hand the nature and extent of the accommodation and equipment in the Science College at Trivandrum, etc.

Affiliation—Maharaja's College.

464. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. whether it is a fact that the present Director of Public Instruction addressed the Bombay or any other Indian Universities with a view to get affiliation for the Maharaja's College;